

## REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 19, 2005, which was responsive to an Office Action mailed July 22, 2005. Prior to this amendment, claims 1-16 and 18-38 were pending. After amending claims 6-7, 12-13, and 17-37, claims 1-37 remain pending.

The original Application was filed without a claim numbered "17". To address this issue, raised by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, claims 18-38 have been renumbered 17-37, respectively.

In Sections 1-3 of the Office Action, objections have been made to the drawings. In response, Replacement drawings have been prepared and are enclosed as Attachment A.

In Section 4 of the Office Action, objections have been made to claims 6-7, 12-13, 25, 31, and 37. With respect to claim 7, the Office Action states that "P" is not defined. In response, the claim has been amended to define "P".

With respect to claim 13, the Office Action states that "P" should be "Fd1", at line 10. In response, claim 13 has been amended.

With respect to claims 6, 12, 25(24), 31(30), 37(36), the Office Action states that the variables "n" and "σ" should be defined. In response, the claims have been amended to define "n" as a variable and "σ" as standard deviation.

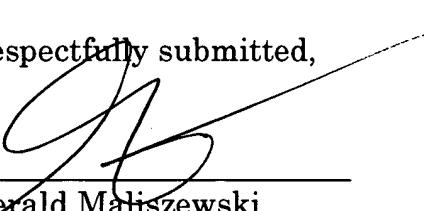
Sections 5 and 6 of the Office Action state that claims 1-5, 20-24, 26-30, 32-36, and 38 are allowed, and that claims 8-11 and 14-19 are allowable, pending the objections made to the base claims. In response to making the above-mentioned claim amendments, claims 1-37 should now all be allowed.

The Applicant neither expressly agrees nor disagrees with the stated reasons for allowance.

It is believed that this application is now in a condition of allowance.

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## ATTACHMENT A